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Re: Fulfillment of Condition #5 of the Revised Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan, Chukchi Sea, Alaska (Revised Chukchi Sea EP) Conditional Approval

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. (Shell) hereby submits the following documents as fulfillment of condition #5 that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) conditioned approval of Shell's revised Chukchi Sea EP.

- Condition #5 – On May 4, 2012 Shell sent BOEM proof that Shell obtained an approved Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) authorization from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in the form of an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) for exploration drilling activities during the 2012 exploration drilling program. On June 5, 2012 NMFS provided Shell the corresponding Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Statement (ITS) for threatened, endangered and protected species covered under the IHA. Thus, Shell provides to BOEM:
 - **Incidental Take Statement:** National Marine Fisheries Service Authorization of incidental takes of marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, to Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. (Shell) for its 2012 exploration drilling program in the U.S. Chukchi Sea. (May 2012).
- Condition #5 (continued) – On June 4, 2012 Shell received proof of MMPA authorization from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in the form of two Letters of Authorization (LOA). Shell provides to BOEM:
 - A copy of the LOA (12-CS-02) issued to Shell by USFWS pursuant to Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, to take by Level B harassment only, polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to offshore exploration drilling in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska during the 2012 open-water season; and
 - A copy of the LOA (12-INT-12) issued to Shell by USFWS pursuant to Sections 101(a)(4)(A), and 112(c) of the MMPA, to take, using non-lethal deterrence polar bears during offshore exploration drilling in the Chukchi Sea during the 2012 open-water season.

Shell asks that BOEM provide confirmation when the agency deems condition #5 fulfilled.

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If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (907) 646-7112 or Susan.Childs@Shell.com , or Pauline Ruddy at (907) 771-7243 or Pauline.Ruddy@Shell.com.

Thank you,



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Attachments:

Condition #5:

- a) ***Incidental Take Statement:*** National Marine Fisheries Service Authorization of incidental takes of marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, to Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. (Shell) for its 2012 exploration drilling program in the U.S. Chukchi Sea. (May 2012).
- b) ***Letter of Authorization (12-CS-02):*** United States Fish and Wildlife Service authorization to Shell Exploration and Production Co. (Shell)to take by Level B harassment only, small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to activities occurring during the 2012 Revised Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan (Chukchi Sea, Alaska).
- c) ***Letter of Authorization (12-INT-12):*** United States Fish and Wildlife Service authorization to Shell to take, using non-lethal deterrence, small numbers of polar bears during the 2012 Revised Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan (Chukchi Sea, Alaska).